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PATENT APPLICATION
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For: MICROSCOPE FOR THE WIDE-ANGLE VIEWING,
IN PARTICULAR FOR EYE SURGERIES

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2003, Applicants traverse the Examiner's specific species designations. More specifically, Claim 1 covers the combination of an optical device 8 and a device 23 for image reversion and image erection. Each embodiment disclosed in this application includes both of the aforesaid structural features. Figures 1-4, 7-11 and 13-16 provide the optical device 8 on the holder. In Figures 5-6 and 12, the optical device 33 is configured for placement onto the eye. Therefore, Applicants suggest the following set of species:

1. Species A - as shown in Figures 1-4, 7-11 and 13-16, which species comprise a holder supporting a set of prisms, and at least one lens disposed between the holder and the eye;
2. Species B - as shown in Figures 5-6 and 12, which species comprise a holder supporting a set of prisms, and an optical device configured for placement onto the eye;
3. Species C - as shown in Figures 7-11 and 13, which species comprise a holder supporting a set of prisms, and two lenses separately disposed between the holder and the eye.

Suggested Species C is included in the concept of Species A.

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